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Bureau of Land Management Canyons of the Ancients National Monument

The Canyons of the Ancients National Monument Advisory Committee will hold meetings on Tuesday, Dec. 9, 2003, and Tuesday, Jan. 6, 2004, at 9 a.m. at the Anasazi Heritage Center in Dolores, Colorado. The meetings are open to the public. The purpose of the Committee is to advise the Secretary of the Interior and the Bureau of Land Management on the development and implementation of a resource management plan for the Monument.

At both meetings, BLM will offer an update of the Monument planning process. Also on these agendas will be discussion of planning issues and management concerns, planning alternatives, partnerships, science and other issues as appropriate.

At both meetings, time is set aside at about 2:30 p.m. for interested persons to make oral statements or submit written statements. Time limits for oral statements may be necessary to make sure all those interested have an opportunity to speak. At the end of the meetings, members will discuss the agenda for next meeting.

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